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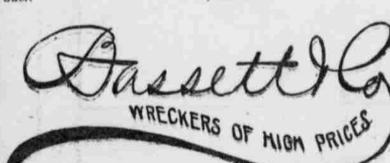
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—Christian Inquirer.

NO. 3003.

How It Drew a Great Prize in Love's Lottery.

proachable, no store in the country "I hardly think, Ezra, that ould suit thee for a wife." has equal advantages with us in buy-Friend Mary Minton stood at the ing. Outside of the great Spot Cash kitchen table kneading the bread, a snowy cap surrounding her sweet old leverage, our intimate wholesale connection, with the advantages of a New York office the year round, enables us waist. as that of a girl, her eyes blue as the to offer goods over our counters daily blue heavens above.

Ezra, her adopted son-Friend Minton and his wife had been childlesschants pay in New York for same had just brought in a basket of russet | think that per haps she had been too apples, the very last in the corner bin forward, honest methods is the secret the kitchen window, playing nervously with the big, velvety leaves of the monster fish geranium that blossomed thy eyes, my child!" He was a tall, manly-looking Friend Mary's glance softened as she verly: cooked at him. It was evident that he was the very apple of her eye.

"Why not, mother?" said he. "I Calverly family; but you're not one of only wish it was us."

the gossiping kind."

Eveline's glance in: Our lovely 40 in. All Wool Plaids regular 90c and \$1.00 value for 69c yard. "She's very young, Ezra," meditative-

"Oh! if you call those crimes-" "Wait a minute, Ezra, thee has not heard me out. I regret deeply that in-

Novelty Suits, the choicest to be had stend of going to live with Friend Warin the land, anyone of which would burton, the minister's wife, she has referred to enter the factory where make you feel proud at the great here are so many giddy girls and care-World's Exposition. Prices very low less young men. "But the pay was so much better,

"Man doth not live by bread alone," racularly answered Friend Mary. Thee has been carefully brought up, Ezra. Thee must consider what is right and seemly in the way of matrimony. Thy father and I would break our new and correct articles of dress and hearts if thee went wrong after all our opes and prayers.' always lower in price on every article

"I trust that I shall never do that, "But thee must remember, Ezra, how powerful an influence the wife ex-

erts over the husband." "Mother, are you very much against Eveline Calverly?" Friend Mary hesitated for a moment Ezra," she answered. "if thee were to

wed with a daughter of Heth, like

"Then that settles the question," said Ezra, quickly. "You have done everything for me, mother. I was house-less, homeless, friendless, when you took me in and cared for me, and I would be an ingrate, indeed, to turn against your wishes now. But, mother, let me go away for awhile, Let me go to Uncle Aaron, out in Mon-

tana, until-until I get over this." Friend Mary lifted her tender blue yes with a pitying light to his face. "Is it so hard with thee as that, my n," said she. "Ch, I am sorry! I-1 ald almost find it in my heart-"

"Although," he interrupted with a forced laugh, "I'm not by any means so certain that Eveline would have me, "Change my plans, mother?" even if I asked her. Gerard Winthrop is going there a good deal of late." "Yes," quietly spoke Friend Mary,

who by this time had patted her white, firm loaves into shape in their shining oblong pans, all ready for the oven, "and that is one thing I do not like. He is interested, they tell me, in a great lottery scheme; he is the agent of a company down south. The factory oung people have bought tickets, Eveline among the rest."

"Mother, I can hardly believe that."
"The superintendent himself told me, Ezra," said Friend Mary, closing the open door with a gentle click. "He regretted exceedingly that Winthrop had gained such a footing there. Yes, my son, perhaps thee had better go to Brother Aaron for a few months. Thee

needs a change." So Ezra Minton decided to take the step that seemed like wrenching soul and body apart. Friend Mary counted out his socks, saw to the buttons on his shirts, relined the little leather trunk with pretty paper and shed a few tears into the neat box of handkerchiefs as he packed them away.

"If Montana were not such a disance off," she sighed to herself, "or f he could go any other way except by those dreadful flying trains! Thank goodness, I never was on one, and, please Heaven, I never will be! To me it seems little short of a tempting of

She sat sorrowfully in the chimneycorner on the evening of Ezra's depart-ure, paring the russet apples to make a dish of apple sauce. How loudly the kitchen clock ticked! How lonely the great silent room seemed! "I think I did right," she said to her-

Hush! There was a knock at the door. The minister's wife, perhaps, or halls, where the professor of theology Janet Golbe, the carpet-weaver, who used to hold forth, there stood a large

"Come in, friend, whoever thee may be," said Friend Mary. And Eveline Calverly entered the room, looking, under her little dalaytrimmed bonnet, like a veritable daisy

"Are you alone, Mrs. Minton?" said he, glancing timidly around. "Oh, I want to talk to you so much!" "I am alone, Eveline," said the widow, her heart involuntarily warming toward the pretty, flower-like young thing Ezra had cared for. "But if thee does not mind, thee may call me 'Friend Mary.' It sounds more suit-

able to my cars "If it isn't too familiar," faltered Eveline. "You see, I wanted to talk to some one on whom I could depend ter?" said a lad to a grocer, "Seven for sixshowing the white gleam of a strip of pencer" said the lad; "that's six for fiveThey had learned to lie, steal and fight, paper in her hand. "They coaxed me pence, five for fourpence, four for three- but truth, honesty and courtesy were ed to a sense of cure. 5th and \$1.00 to buy it, and I am so sorry now. pence, three for twopence, two for a unknown terms. ease tell me what to do."

"Does thee = "Iv want my advice, I'll tak' one."—Tit-Bita Please tell me what to do."

Eveline?" gently asked the Quakeress.

"Oh, yes-yes!" cried the girl "Then I would tear the thing up and east it into the fire." Eveline glanced at the ticket, then

at Friend Mary, and then she tore the ticket in two and flung it on the floor. "Three thousand and three," said she. "I dreamed one night that it drew a thousand dollars, but it is gone now." "Thee will feel thy conscience ighter," said Friend Mary, consolingly, as she put her hand on that of the girl. "Art thee sick, Eveline? Thy hand is very cold."

Eveline bursts into a passion of 'Sick!" she gasped. "Yes. Not I don't know. He has gone away, Mrs. Minton He never came to tell me

good-by. "Whom should I mean?"

"Did thee expect him, Eveline?"
"I didn't know. I thought perhapsoh, I have been trying so hard to be worthy of him! I have left off going with those girls. I've refused the foreman's invitation to drive with him. I've been reading 'Macaulay's History of England' and 'Gibbon's Rome' of evenings, and I loved him, face like a sort of working-day halo, a Mrs. Minton-oh, I did, indeed-and he white apron tied around her ample never came to tell me good-by. I sup-At sixty her color was as fresh | pose I oughn't to tell you this, but I cannot help it."

Friend Mary moved uneasily in her seat. Her heart warmed toward the impulsive young girl. She began to precipitate in her decision. Suddenly f the barn cellar. He leaned against Eveline started. So did Friend Mary. "There is some one coming up the steps," said she; "several people. Dry

It was two of the factory girls, eager young fellow, with clear brown eyes, a and breathiess. They could scarcely fresh complexion, and hair that grew find time to salute Friend Mary Minn a curly mat all over his head, ton before they addressed Eveline Cal-

"Evy! Evy! your ticket has won a prize. No. 3003! A hundred dollars! They read out the list to-night. Oh, know the village gossips don't like the aren't you a lucky girl, though! We

Eveline's glance involuntarily sought the floor, where lay the two torn pieces ly answered Friend Mary, "and very of the ticket. Jane Chertsey made a grasp at them. "Why, what has happened?" ex-

claimed she. "But the number is all We can paste it together right again. Eveline looked at Friend Mary Min-

and in another second they were blazing in the fire. "I will have nothing to do with the lottery, good or bad," she added. "I am sorry I ever bought the ticket. But, Evy, you've burnt up one hunred dollars!" screamed Lucy Jane.

my soul for one hundred dollars?" And once more she burst out crying. Friend Mary sat late that night by the kitchen fire. She was thinking Early the next morning she arose and dressed herself and trotted down to the railway station in time for the seven

the girl.

o'clock train. "I was never on the cars before, "I think it would break my heart, ing behind a flying dragon; but for Ezra's sake I must risk it. He won't leave Edgefield before night I must see him first,"

Great was Esra Minton's amszement that afternoon when the quiet Quakeress, in her dove-colored gown and poke bonnet, came into the house of her sister, Friend Ruhamah Simmons, where he was stopping while he made sundry preparations for his journey.
"Mother, what has happened?" he

"Nothing has happened, Ezra," said Friend Mary, her cheeks very pink, her blue eyes sparkling. "I have traveled on the railway train. The Lord has been very good to me, and I have not been dashed to destruction, and I

"Change my plans, mother?" "Eveline has been with me, Ezra She loves thee, I think, and I am far on the way to loving her. There is good mettle in the child. Thee must come back home with me, Ezra."

"Do you mean it, mother, that she "Come and put the question to her thyself, Ezra," cooed Friend Mary. "I feel that I have done her some injust tice. Thee must set that right. my boy! my boy! I always felt that should be jealous of thy wife, be she whom she might. But, Erra, I don't

fpel so any more." She stooped and kissed his forehead.
"Thee must make haste, Ezra. The flying dragon goes back at seven. I do not know that Eveline expects thee,

Ezra Minton went back with Friend Mary. And though she had lost her one hundred dollars, poor, lovely, little Eveline had gained a double recompense—a loving husband and a mother-in-law, who helped her in all weak places and fully appreciated her strong

"For," softly spoke Friend Mary, "am always ready to confess when have been altogether in the wrong."-Toronto Mail.

-"Stebbles seems to be getting along rapidly in politics. He is a young man of a great deal of push." "Yes. but it wasn't his push that helped him along in politics. It was his pull "-Washington Star.

The Piller of Sefety. Before the erection of the new un versity buildings in Jana, the profes-sors generally held their lectures in various public halls scattered all over the town. In the body of one of these lived under the mountain, come to bor- pillar. At the close of the session the students applied to the professor for their certificates of attendance, when

> "But, my dear sir, I never saw you at any of my lectures!" Oh, Herr Professor, I always sat be hind the pillar."

"Strange!" was the reply. "You are the fourth who professes to have sat regularly behind the pillar."-Tanitche Rundschau. -Hy serving ox-tail soup at the be-ginning of dinner and providing calf's head jelly for dessert, a hotelkeeper

can manage to make both ends meet -Pleayune. -"How do you sell your eggs, mis-

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE AMERICAN CHILD.

What an Englishman Finds to Say Abour

"The American Child, by a Returned Traveler," is the significant title of a long article printed in the London Queen. It must be admitted, says the New York Times, that this "traveler" meets young American in a much less cavilling spirit than his country-

most sacred person in America is the child," and then goes on to demonstrate "In all civilized countries the newlyarrived buby is a small potentate, before whose tiny whims and caprices every member of the household bows; but the American baby exercises this prerogative long after his advancing

men have heretofore shown toward

writer begins with a proposition: "The

age has ceased to be counted by months. and, indeed, he does so all through his After deploring the general and ham pering wearing, first, of long frocks in babyhood, then of the long Kate Greenaways in childhood and girlhood, w

are told that the "American child be gins very early in life to take a personal interest in her tollet, and I have seen a baby aged precisely one year and eight months select the dress she wished to wear from the pile of clothes just sent up from the laundry. Every baby is the proud possessor at least one ring, and many childish hands fairly glitter with tiny diamonds. In certain circles in Chicago

this adornment of children positively runs rlot, and at the dancing school little bepowered and berouged damsels. in the most elaborate evening attire, may be seen any afternoon practicing their 'step dances.' But such a state of things I believe to be exceptional, and existing only among the most vulgar of the nouveaux riches."

"Give me the pieces, Jane," said she, The word about the maternal parent of the sketch subject is true and pertinent, and should be read by those Americans who like to deplore the de-

"The average American mother is most sincerely anxious to train her "I've burned up a temptation!" cried children well; and there is on their be-"Do you think I would sell half a constant tendency for dwellers in cities to take refuge in the fresh air of the beautiful and often distant auburhs which are now springing up

"It is true that the first laws of rearing of children, but if the American mother is still behind the English in this respect, she certainly carries she murmured, "and it's just like rid- away the palm in the matter of personal devotion and self-sacrificing car-No expenditure of time or trouble seems too great, she is absolutely regardless of self, and does for her children much that we should relegate to

"She is, if possible, too unselfish, and the consequence is that the child is apt tobecome exacting. But it is precisely this peculiar trait that runs through all American society-it is characteristic of men no less than of women. Husbands slave for their wives, regardless of recreation even in the most heated days of summer, while the wives in their turn lavish all their thought and

care upon the little ones." Concerning our nurseries or absence of them the writer says: "The American home, like the

French, rarely possesses a 'nursery', as we understand the meaning of the word. Even in homes where special rooms are set apart for the children, they are allowed free access to their mother's morning room, and, indeed, to any part of the house at all hours of the day. High baby chairs are invariaby provided in restaurants and hotels, while at railway stations and in the cars the children 'are always with us.' "But their society is usually a pleasure, for they are, as a rule, good, sensible, companionable little creatures, and the reports so often circulated as to their disagreeable forwardness are positively libelous. They have, it is true, no self-conscious timidity; they will enter into conversation, frankly and intelligently, with any visitor who may choose to address them; but, or the other hand, when making a moraing call, the children are never forced upon one to be kissed and admired they remain unconcernedly in the corner with books or toys, and an In-

troduction to the stranger is deemed superfluous. * * * From all this it will be gathered that 'good old-fashioned parental tyranny is a thing unknown in America. The parent treats the child with respect, and the child loves, if he does not always appear to respect, his parent. Every command is prefixed with that most invaluable word, 'Please.'

"Unnatural, or even unfilial, as this relationship may at first sight appear to be, it bears fruit both sweet and abundant in later years. The child, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, youth, grows up with an almost quixotic wealth of affection in his tions, and positively cures Piles, or young heart for the father and mother pay required. It is guar moved whose heads are now turning gray. give perfect satisfaction, or secure t His home will be their home and both fund! he and his wife will be ready to welcome the old folks with open arms. 'Live and let live' is truly the Ameri can motto, and, inspired by the feelings it represents, three, and even four generations may be seen living under a chesp mean or accumu at my netro the latter remarked to one of the young love and harmoney.

A TEACHER'S METHOD.

How She Transformed Street Urchins Into A young teacher who has had great success with a class of little "ragamuffins" in the worst quarters of a large tle citizens in so many cases,

every morning about some boy who had

held him up for their admiration. And after a while I asked them to 'save up' good things they had seen and done to tell at these morning talks. Their eagerness about it and pride when I was pleased with their little incidents showed me they were being helped. There was just one boy who seemed

the adult product of this republic. The thing to the conversation. ed total to con to feel really discoursaged about him, when one morning he raised his loud as soon as it was time

to me hopeless. He was apparently in-

different to everything; sat for weeks,

during the morning talks, with a stolid

for the talk to begin. "Well, Jim, what is it you have to tell us? I asked, encouragingly. " 'Man's but blew off as I was comin' to school. I can an' picked it up fer him, he jerked out, in evident embarassment at finding all eyes fastened on

as'red, hoping that a 'Thank you' had rewarded his first attempt in the right You young scamp, you'd have made

off with that if I hadn't kept my eye on rou!" said the boy in the same jerky

"And what site you do then?" asked, in fear and trembling. "Didn't do nothin' but jest come along to school said the boy, soberly I recknowd he didn't know no bette prob'ly he hadn't had no sech teachin as I've got,' and he lapsed into silence with an air of perfect satisfaction. "I think he had a pretty severe re

buff, but he has told a great many pleasant things since that day, so you see he was not disheartened. "Some people would say, I know that I ought to tell them how bad stealing and lying and fighting are; and yet as long as they will listen to me while I say 'Do be honest, do be truthful, do be

kind, I shall not keep the other things The young teacher sat down as mor estly as she had risen. It was usanimously voted that what ever might be

raculous Ring," supposed and believed to have been the identical circlet used health are lamentably neglected in the the Virgin Mary and Joseph, the carin the marriage ceremonies which made penter, man and wife. This wonde worker was a homely little onyx or a methyst jewel, having a carved repre-sentation of the budding rod on the

> It was discovered in the year 996 in this manner: Judith, the wife of Hugo, marquis o Etruria, being a great lover of jewels, ployed one Ranerius, a skilled lap dary of Clusium, to go to Rome and make some purchases for her. While there he became acquainted with

ieweler from Jerusalem.

When the latter was on the eve of departure he presented him with common-looking finger ring. Raneriu at first declined such a valueless gift but upon being pressed to take it only consented after listening to a marve ous story of the ring's history, which wound up that it was wedding ring of Joseph Mary. Rancrius, still carethe and less of what the other said, threw it in a chest, where it remained ten years, During this time Ranerius' only son

ten years of age, died. While the child was being carried out for burial he sudenly cose from his coffin and ordered the bearers to stop Then calling to his father he told that individual a wonderful story of his trip to Heaven and how sorrowful the Virgin Mary was because he (Rancrius) had allowed her precious jewel to lay neglected for ten years.

The resurrected boy had never heard of the ring before, but when the chest of trinkets was brought soon selected the holy relic. After performing the miracle the child died again and was buried. But the ring became the relic of relies and was constantly surrounded by devotees and those who desired to have it applied to blind eyes, crippled limbs, etc. It was the greatest miracle of the times. Besides healing leprosy, curing blindness, sciatica and other ills, it reconciled entangled mar ried people, drove out devils and performed many minor services. For many years it was at Clusium, but was finaly stolen by one Winthems and carried to Perugis. A long dispute arose over this, which was at last decided by Cardidal Piccolominaeus, who adjudged i to the last named place. - St. Louis

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